


Determination to Change Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks Regulations

Consistent with applicable legislation and Federal administrative policies, and based upon a determination that such action is necessary for the maintenance of public health and safety, protection of environmental or scenic values, protection of natural or cultural resources, aid to scientific research, implementation of management responsibilities, equitable allocation and use of facilities, or the avoidance of conflict among visitor use activities, the Superintendent makes the following changes to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks Regulations.

1. Regulation change: The Lower Whitney Creek / Strawberry Meadow (83-7) is closed to grazing.	
2. Previous regulation(s) affected by this change: Grazing was permitted during the 2011 season as noted in the 2011 Stock Users Guide, limited to 20 stock, unlimited nights.	
3. Date of this Regulation Change: August 12, 2011	
4. Reasons for change: This meadow had to be rested in 2010 due to significant use. While it was left unrestricted in 2011, use has exceeded the grazing capacity of the meadow for the year.	
5. Effective Date(s): The closure is temporary in nature effective August 12, 2011 – December 31, 2011.	
6. Authority for adoption: Code of Federal Regulations, 36 CFR, Part 1.5	
Superintendent, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks 	Date: 8/12/11